

## **Bucks, Bulls and Once-in-a-Lifetime and General Season 2004 Drawing Success Report**

The basic format of our Drawing Success Report has been continued for 2004. The report is divided into sections dealing with 2005 Drawing Status, 2004 Bonus Point Drawing Results, and 2004 Preference Point Drawing Results.

The Utah Wildlife Board adopted two changes for the 2004 drawing, which affected drawing odds and this book. First, in an effort to improve drawing odds for elk, the AR 301 (special archery elk) hunt was eliminated and archery elk hunts were added to all limited entry units. This increased the total elk permits available and the overall chance of drawing a permit improved this year (for residents, from 1 in 35 in 2003 to 1 in 30 in 2004), despite an increase in the number of elk applicants. The second change was the elimination of the ML 300 (general season muzzleloader elk) permit as part of the drawing. Instead, these permits are sold as part of the overall general season elk permit cap. As a result, the tables showing the results of the AR 301 and ML 300 are no longer in the report.

### **Bucks, Bulls and Once-in-a-Lifetime Tables**

In Utah, bonus points are earned by unsuccessful applicants for bucks and bulls limited entry and once-in-a-lifetime permits to improve drawing odds in subsequent drawings. However, bonus points do not guarantee a permit. Bonus points could also be earned by applicants who could not or did not want to hunt in 2004 but still wanted to earn a bonus point and applied for one in the drawing. These individuals are not included in the individual hunt tables but are summarized in a single table included immediately after the species total table at the front of each species. See the 2004 Big Game Proclamation for a complete explanation of bonus points.

The first section of the report (2005 Drawing Status) contains the number of individuals in each bonus point and preference point category entering the 2004 drawing. The maximum bonus points entering the 2005 drawing could be 12 and the maximum preference points could be 5. This summary contains the status of individuals as of the date the tables were produced (07/16/2004). A few changes will be made prior to the 2005 drawing to correct errors and reflect surrendered permits, but the change in numbers will be minor. These tables summarize all individuals who have ever applied in our big game drawings since the start of bonus and preference points (1993), and still have at least one bonus point or preference point on file. Some people have been confused by this table and misinterpreted what it shows. You cannot use this table to calculate drawing odds. Many of the individuals, particularly those with only a few points, no longer apply in the drawing but we still maintain a record of their points, in case they ever come back into the drawing. To get an idea of how many of these individuals no longer apply, we have added a second table to this section to list the number of individuals who have bonus points and have applied in the drawing during at least one of the last two years (2003 or 2004). The number of point holders, particularly for the lower categories, is much lower in the last two years than the total for all years.

The second section of the report contains the 2004 Big Game Odds Report. The first portion of this section contains the summary odds reports for the bucks and bulls and antlerless permit drawings. These reports are produced and published on our website immediately after the drawings. The remainder of this section is the detailed drawing results by species.

### **The following is a description of the drawing results portion of this section:**

1. The report is based on first choices in the limited entry and once-in-a-lifetime drawings.
2. The report does not include bonus points earned after the 2004 drawing to correct errors in processing applications.

3. At the beginning of each species section is a summary sheet for all hunts (including CWMU'S) for that species. The summary sheet is organized the same as the individual hunt sheets (described below). Following the summary sheet is a sheet listing the number of people in each bonus point category who applied for only a bonus point.
4. For each species, the sheets are arranged by hunt number. To find the hunt you are interested in, look up the hunt number in the tables from the 2004 Bucks and Bulls Proclamation contained in the back of this publication.
5. Each table has separate sections for residents and nonresidents with 6 columns for each:
  - a) Column 1 contains bonus point category (0-10). The highest points possible in the 2003 drawing was 10.
  - b) Column 2 contains the number of individuals with valid applications who listed this hunt as their first choice.
  - c) Column 3 contains the number of tags awarded in the special bonus point round of the drawing. For each hunt, up to ½ of the tags were awarded in this drawing. Only individuals with at least one bonus point could receive a permit in this drawing. Any permits remaining after all bonus point holders were awarded tags were issued in the regular drawing. See the Bucks and Bulls Proclamation for additional details.
  - d) Column 4 contains the number of permits issued in the regular drawing to individuals listing this hunt as their first choice. If all first choice applicants received a permit and permits were left over, these would be awarded to second choice, third choice etc., and are not included in this table.
  - e) Column 5 contains the total of columns 3 and 4; all first choice applicants for this hunt who received a permit.
  - f) Column 6 contains the drawing success ratio for each bonus point category and is the ratio of eligible applicants (column 2) to total tags awarded (column 5). The N/A in this column means either no applicants with this number of bonus points applied or no applicants received a permit.
  - g) Columns 7-12 contain the same information for nonresidents.
6. The total line at the bottom is a summary for columns 2-5 and 8-11. The total for success rate is the overall drawing success rate for all resident and nonresident applicants, respectively, listing the hunt as their first choice.

### **General Season Drawing**

In 2004, a drawing was again held for general season deer permits. Preference points were awarded to unsuccessful applicants in the drawing. General season drawing results are contained in the third section of this report.

### **Preference Points**

- Preference points are used to ensure that applicants who are unsuccessful or apply for a preference point in the drawing for general buck deer permits will have first preference in the next year drawing for the respective permits. A single preference point is awarded to each applicant who submits a valid unsuccessful general season application or an application for a preference point only.
- Permits in next year's draw are reserved for those applicants with preference points. Once those applications with preference points are allocated permits, any remaining permits will be available for remaining applicants.
- In subsequent years, if there are more applicants with preference points than available permits, a random selection will occur among those applicants and those who are unsuccessful will receive an additional preference point for the following year's drawing.
- A preference point was not issued if an applicant was successful in drawing a permit regardless of the region or choice number. For example, if an applicant listed the

Southeastern Region as first choice, and Northern Region as second choice, and the applicant drew the Northern Region permit, a preference point was not awarded.

Drawing results table for general season hunts, patterned after the bonus point tables, are included for deer summarizing preference point information for the 2004 drawing.

I hope you enjoy this report!

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